

# BONHOMME RICHARD'S ALMANAC

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"I have not yet begun to fight!"



#### PRESIDENT SUBMITS BUDGET TO CONGRESS

By Associated Press

President Clinton is sending congress his final budget this morning.

The event kicks off an electionyear battle over which programs should get more money and how big a tax cut to give.

The president has already unveiled plans to spend hundreds of billions of dollars on health care, education, the environment and fighting crime. At the same time, he's

outlined tax cuts totaling about 350 billion dollars.

Republicans already are calling the spending plan bloated. And with surplus projections growing, they're promising tax cuts roughly twice as big as Clinton's.

Clinton is returning to the White House for Monday's announcement after joining his wife in New York Sunday as she formally announced her candidacy for the U.S. Senate.

# PENTAGON SEEKS TO IMPROVE MILITARY HOUSING By Elizabeth Becker

The Pentagon is starting to redress the old problem of military housing, a major reason that midcareer service members leave the armed forces. The Pentagon budget that is being unveiled on Monday includes a \$3 billion increase over five years for housing allowances.

Secretary of Defense William Cohen says he wants to bolster the housing allowances for those who live off base and improve housing on the bases.

The Defense Department is pushing ahead with a pilot project to privatize housing here and at two other Army posts. Developers will be

awarded contracts to build new housing, rebuild the bases' substandard units, and add community centers, landscaping, sports facilities and whatever else it takes to remake the posts in the mold of middle-class communities.

The contracts are to be awarded by August, and construction is to begin next year. If the project works, it could be a model for privatizing housing at other bases.

The contract for the housing at Fort Meade could amount to \$2 billion, a sum normally associated with military contracts for jet fighters.

#### CAMPAIGN 2000

BUSH CAMPATTACKS MCCAIN'S PROGRESS ON SPECIAL INTERESTS AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORMS By Associated Press

Hoping to steal some of Sen. John McCain's thunder, Gov. George W. Bush is poised to argue that McCain has made little to no headway in his battle against the sway of special interests in government and that Bush has accomplished much more in this regard, advisers to Bush said Sunday.

Starting this week, Bush will point out that as governor of Texas, Bush opposed efforts by trial lawyers to enact tort legislation and took on teachers associations to carry out education reforms.

Simultaneously, the Bush campaign will note that McCain's quest for an overhaul in campaign financing reform laws has been unsuccessful.

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#### NATIONAL NEWS

N AV Y SHIPS HELP RECOVER ALASKA AIRLINE PLANE FROM PACIFIC OCEAN

By Associated Press

The Navy continues its mapping of the debris field of Alaska Airlines flight 261 on the floor of the Pacific. Investigators want a detailed picture of the wreckage, before any pieces of the plane are brought to the surface. The crash killed 88 people last Monday.

TESTIMONY ON PAUSE IN SHOOTING BY NEWYORK CITY POLICE OFFICERS By The New York Times

Jurors in the trial of four New York City police officers charged with killing an unarmed African immigrant are in for some graphic testimony. A medical examiner is expected to present autopsy findings Monday. Amadou Diallo was shot 19 times in a hail of police bullets.

#### \* WEDNESDAY SITE TV SCHEDULE

CHANNEL 2
1030 KING OF QUEENS
1100 HIGH ANXIETY
1630 SOUL TRAIN
1730 JEOPARDY
1800 PARTY OF FIVE
1900 BUFFY, THE VAMPIRE SLAYER
2000 HE GOT GAME
2220 BRIDE OF CHUCKY

CHANNEL 6
1030 CAFE' VI DEO
1100 BATMAN & ROBI N
1630 FOR RI CHER OR POORER
1825 UNDER THE HULA MOON
2000 SELENA
2210 TERMI NATOR

#### INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### RUSSIAN ARMY CAPTURES GROZNY By Associated Press

Nearly five months after he dispatched troops to Chechnya, acting President Vladimir Putin announced Sunday that the Russian military had captured its capital, Grozny, and that the Russian tricolor was flying over it. "A short time ago, the last stronghold of the terrorists' resistance was taken: the Zavodsky district of the city," Putin said.

## TALKS WITH HIJACKERS CONTINUE By Associated Press

Talks are under way with the hijackers of an Afghan airliner, now parked at London's Stansted Airport.

Police say the hijackers have asked for tea bags and soft drinks for their captives, and also a generator. A police spokesman says the hostages are 'as comfortable as can be' under the circumstances.

Police say they believe there are 165 people on the plane, including 23 children.

The Boeing 727 was seized Sunday just after takeoff for a domestic flight within Afghanistan. It made stops in Uzbekistan, Kazakstan and Russia before arriving in London early Monday.

It's not clear yet who the hijackers are, or what they are demanding.

A high-ranking police officer says Britain's usual policy is that hijacked planes aren't allowed to take off. But the officer adds, ''That's very much a matter for negotiation.''

### TESTS REVEAL RUSSIAN TANKER CARRIED SMUGGLED OIL

By Associated Press

The U.S. Navy has turned over a seized Russian oil tanker to the Coast Guard of Oman. The U.S. says tests confirm the tanker is carrying smuggled Iraqi oil. Officials have said the oil might be sold, and the profits used to enforce the U.N.'s oil embargo against Iraq.

#### PLOTTING A UNIQUE COURSE



On Sunday, Feb. 6, USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD 6) passed a seamount which was of particular interest to the crew. This seamount, which is basically a mountain that rises from the ocean floor, is named "BON HOMME RICHARD." QM3 Jacob Richardson was Quartermaster of the Watch at 1930 when the ship passed by the seamount at lattitude 19 degrees, 21 minutes North and Longitude 175 degrees 33 minutes West. Richardson said, "The BON HOMME RICHARD seamount rises 11,820 feet from the ocean floor. The distance between the top of the seamount and us, "he added, "is 3,780 feet." (Photo by PH3 Karri Williams).

#### SPORTS

NFC BEATS AFC IN NFL PRO-BOWL By Associated Press

Randy Moss was the star in the highest-scoring game in Pro Bowl history. Moss grabbed nine passes for 212 yards and one touchdown to lead the NFC to its first victory since 1996, 51-to-31, over the AFC.

Mike Alstott had three touch-downs while gaining 67 rushing yards for the NFC.

The NFC scored on interceptions by Aeneas Williams and Derrick Brooks. Jason Hanson booted three field goals, including a 51-yarder that tied a Pro Bowl record.

The 82 points smashed the old record of 64, set in the 1980  $\operatorname{Pro}$  Bowl.

PEBBLE BEACH PRO-AM CONTINUES By Associated Press

A PGA tour rookie finds himself five shots ahead of Tiger Woods through three rounds of the Pebble Beach Pro-Am. Matt Gogel shares the lead with Mark Brooks following a 5-under-par 67 that leaves him 12-under for the tournament. Gogel and Brooks are one shot better than Vijay Singh.

Woods will need a furious comeback to become the first golfer to win six straight PGA events since Ben Hogan in 1948. Woods is in a tie for eighth at 7-under. Woods hadn't begun the final round more than one shot back since the streak began.

WORLD TEAM WINS NHL ALL-STAR GAME By Associated Press

Having to stop one Bure is difficult, but stopping two is nearly impossible. Pavel and Valeri Bure combined for three goals and three assists as the World team won the NHL All-Star game 9-to-4 over North America.

Pavel Bure registered the eleventh All-Star game hat trick, with his younger brother setting up the first two goals.

The NHL honored Hall-Of-Famer Wayne Gretzky Sunday by officially retiring his jersey number-99 throughout the league. Gretzky left the game last season owning every major NHL scoring record.

AMERICANS ADVANCE AT DAVIS CUP By Associated Press

The U.S. Davis Cup team literally wouldn't fade to black Sunday. The Americans beat both Wayne and Byron Black to knock off Zimbabwe 3-to-2 and advance to the second round.

Andre Agassi overcame a queazy stomach to knock off Byron Black 6-2, 6-3, 7-6.

Chris Woodruff was mobbed by Captain John McEnroe and his teammates after disposing of Wayne Black 6-3, 6-7, 6-2, 6-4.

#### NBAAND MEN'S TOP 25 COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCORES

New Jersey 110 Golden State 90 New York 94 Miami 80 Philadelphia 119 Sacramento 108 Utah 93 San Antonio 90 Detroit 109 Houston 105 Portland 100 Boston 94 Phoenix 105 Seattle 93 Chicago 100 LA Clippers 90 Dallas 103 Vancouver 99

(5)Ohio State 88 Michigan 67 (6)Tennessee 88 Miss. State 81 (24)Vanderbilt 76 Boston Coll 58 (25)Maryland 78 NC State 73